Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

June 18th, 2023

Sunday
Ordinary

Time

Parish Mission Statement

St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church is a parish community striving to share the Spirit of Love through Prayer, Worship, the Sacraments, the Teachings of the Church, and our concern for others through Christian Stewardship.



Parish Resources

Website:

https://www.stmli.org

Instagram:

@stm_church

@stm_yg

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StThomasMoreChurchHauppauge

Flocknote

Text SPIRITOFLOVE to 84576



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Masses June 17th - June 25th, 2023

This Weekend:

Saturday, June 17th: Immaculate Heart of the BI Virgin Mary

5pm- Father's Day Novena

Sunday, June 18th: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Father's Day Novena

9:30am-Father's Day Novena

11:30am-Father's Day Novena

Monday, June 19th:

9am- Father's Day Novena

Tuesday, June 20th: St Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor

9am- Father's Day Novena

Wednesday, June 21st: St Aloysius Gonzaga

9am- Father's Day Novena

Thursday, June 22nd: St Thomas More

9am- Father's Day Novena

Friday, June 23rd:

9am- Father's Day Novena

Next Weekend:

Saturday, June 24th: Nativity of St John the Baptist

5pm- Marie Drago by Kathy Norton

Don Friedman by Nancy Friedman & Family

Sunday, June 25th: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Richard Stout by Lori & Teddy

Priscilla McAllister by The McAllister Family

9:30am- Eleanor Thompson by John & Maryann Egan

Graziano Zara by The Zara Family

11:30am- Ray Regan by Marie & Carmine Dilullo

Jack Gaudet by Michael & Vivian Jacobs

Matthew 10:26-33 (Ordinary 12)

Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

Focus Questions for 6/25/23 Matthew 10:26-33

- 1: Describe a time when Jesus' words about God's care for sparrows or his intimate knowledge of you (even the hairs on your head) gave you courage.
- 2: What is your greatest fear about speaking to others about your faith?
- 3: Describe a time when you were anxious about something that positively resolved itself.

Family & Children's Question: What helps you when you are afraid?



Readings for this Week Readings for Next Week

June 18th, 2023 (Ordinary 11) Exodus 19:2-6a Psalm 100:1-2,3,5 Romans 5:6-11 Matthew 9:36-10:8 June 25th, 2023 (Ordinary 12) Jeremiah 20:10-13 Psalm 69:8-10,14,17,33-35 Romans 5:12-15 Matthew 10:26-33

Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends.

A politician belonging to party X criticized a politician belonging to party Y, "You know how you can tell that fella's lying? Watch his lips. If they are moving, he is lying." Lying is a waste of words that helps neither the liar nor the person to whom it is spoken. It debilitates both. It is believed that St. Francis of Assisi once said, "Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words if necessary." His saying accentuates both the power and the weakness of the words. Our words are powerful if they are supported by our life. They become weak and useless when they become just sound bites without any support from fact or real life.

This Sunday's readings describe how rich we are as God's children and Christ's disciples. The first reading states that we are God's special possession, and we shall be to God a kingdom of priests, a holy nation. God possesses us and values us according to His standard when He calls us as a Holy nation and kingdom of priests. Holiness belongs to the realm of God. To be holy is to be Godly; thus, we are Godly in His eyes and that is how we become His priests, whose lives are fulfilled in our service to God. So, all what we say or do can carry God's effect.

The second reading confirms the first. Though God may value us according to His standard we may still feel the burden of sins we committed. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. We were reconciled to God through the death of his Son and were saved by His life. God reconciles voluntarily so that we may be liberated from the burden of sin and begin to live His life. So, all what we say or do can carry God's effect.

Today's Gospel narrates how much confidence Jesus had in His disciples. He sent them to do the same mission that Jesus was doing. He showered upon them the same power He employed in His mission. When He sent them, He empowered them saying, "As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." Jesus called them, empowered them and commissioned them to do His commission. So, all that we are or do can be Jesus' mission with Jesus' power.

We are Jesus' disciples. Jesus values us as we are God's creation. Jesus sees in us what we can do as God's Holy nation. He wants us to realize that we are redeemed by Him to live God's life. All that we say or do, think or execute, can be done as Christ's mission. Jesus commissions us today as He did with His disciples. He equips us with the same Godly power and purpose, so that our life can be a proclamation everyday and everywhere in our total being. We can become a proclamation of Jesus's good news just by trying to live a Godly life with the help of Christ's grace. With or without verbal proclamation we can be God's revelation by the way we live. Let us live as St. Francis of Assisi instructed, "Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words if necessary."

With love and prayers, Fr. Antony



His Presence Is Real - Reflections on the Eucharist by Deacon Matt

Transubstatiation

When I was in diaconate formation, we were taught (many times!) never to use big, complicated theological words in our homilies. This column, however, is fair game to discuss one of the most important and central concepts of our Catholic faith: *transubstantiation*.

If we look at the etymology of the word, it literally means "to change from one substance to another." The bread and wine consecrated by the priest on the altar, we believe, *actually becomes* the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ himself.

The first official use of this term as doctrine occurred at the Fourth Lateran Council in 1215, though it had been in use about a century before. As with all things we believe, there is a Scriptural basis for

this, found in *1 Cor. 11:23-27*, as well as the Gospel accounts of the institution of the sacrament (for example, *Lk. 22:7-20*). This mystery is critical to our Catholic faith.

One of my favorite saints, Thomas Aquinas, explained this using philosophy (in terms borrowed from Aristotle) and metaphysics. He termed the bread and wine itself the

"substance," meaning that which exists in its own right, without needing to be sustained by another. The outward appearances of the bread and wine are the "accidents" (not meaning "oops" but that which could change, like color or shape). In his work *Summa Theologiae (III, q.75, a.2)*, he stated that the **substance** must become Christ and **ceases** to be bread and wine. This is because Jesus himself said of the

Eucharist, "This is my body. This is my blood." It still looks, tastes and smells like bread and wine (the "accidents" remain). But it now truly is Jesus, his Real Presence. Jesus is not present along side the bread and wine (consubstantiation) but **is** the bread and wine.

However strong the help of reason might be, transubstantiation is still ultimately a matter of faith. And this doctrine is foundational to what it means to be Catholic.

"By the consecration the transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is brought about. Christ himself...is present in a true, real and substantial manner."-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2nd ed., n. 1413

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Contact me at <u>eucharist@stmli.org</u>.

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Prayers for Our Community

Pray for the Deceased

Matthew Crisera

Molly Louise Carrasquillo

Jessica McGreevy

Paul Baran III

WELCOMED HOMI

We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

This is an alternative option to having a Mass said in memoriam. To arrange the memorial for the Altar Bread & Wine, contact the Rectory. Donation for the week is \$50. A card will be sent to the family, and the name will be published in the bulletin.



Pray for Our Military

Please continue to pray for the brave members of our parish family who serve our country:



We also pray for our veterans, that they receive the support they need here at home.

Pray for the Sick

Anabel
Kencito Allaire
Mike Babach
Pat Camera
Vincent Carlino
Barbara Cassetta
Joseph Cassetta
Anthony Ceriello (2yrs)
Angela Conzo
Nick Conzo
Joey Cullum
Carolyn D'Amore
Charles Dorchak
Carol Falkowski

Nick Conzo
Joey Cullum
Carolyn D'Amore
Charles Dorchak
Carol Falkowski
Barbara Foberg
Patty Golembiewski
Linda Heller
Jean Herlihy
Sheila Samson
Bob Sawyer
Derrick Simon
Noah Simonett
John Spadaro
Peter Sturnialo
Lorraine White

Jean Kelly
Scarlett LaMariana
Richard Landi
Joe Madonia
Ellen Murphy
Deacon Al Pankus
Stetson Pignataro (2yrs)
Nunzio (Steve) Puleio
Helen Reichert
Sheila Samson
Bob Sawyer
Derrick Simon
Noah Simonetti
John Spadaro
Peter Sturnialo

To add someone to this list, please fill out a card from the literature rack, or contact the rectory.

*this listing will expire on September 30th, 2023



Pray for the Sick Instructions

Submit this information to the rectory or cut out and drop in the collection basket.

- 1. Name of person (s) who is (are) ill:
- 2. Your relationship to the person who is ill:
- 3. Person making the Request:
- 4.Today's date:

Prayer Request Instructions

All prayer intentions can be placed in a basket near the altar before each Mass. The basket will serve as a silent reminder that we are united in faith, hope and love as we lift one another up in prayer and support, while placing our trust in the Lord.

Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from: June 10th & 11th

\$ 6109

Weekly Goal: \$6700

St. Thomas More Parish needs your support now more than ever!

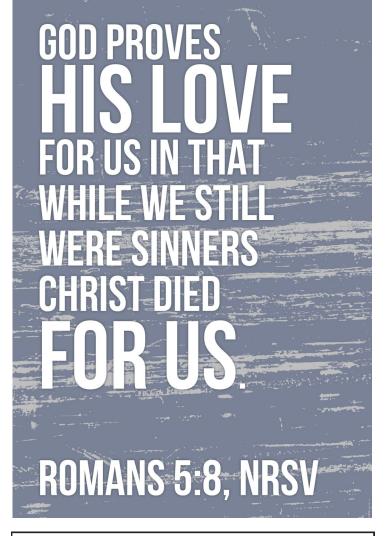
Envelope users: Please enter the amount of your donation in the space provided on the envelope. This will greatly help us when counting the collection and for recording your contribution.

(If you do not receive weekly envelopes and would like them mailed to you, please use the form on the literature rack and indicate that you wish to receive them on a regular basis. Usually it takes about two weeks for your request to be completed.)

Faith Direct: This offers a safe and secure way to make regularly scheduled donations to our parish. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NY227, or text 'Enroll' to 631-250-8141. You can also make a one- time gift by texting a dollar amount to the same number

Maintenance Collection: We thank you for your support of our parish project to maintain our parish facilities. If you would like to help, please take a maintenance envelope from the literature rack.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God Bless You.



Offertory Sign-Up Book

Would you like to bring up the gifts during the offertory? It's a great way to participate in the mass with your family!

We have a sign-up book available in the Narthex near the literature rack. Currently available for each weekend in 2023. If you are interested, please sign up and let the ushers know when you arrive at mass.

DANUARY MARCH Calendar Club Winners June 12 (\$25): Bob Weiss (875) June 13 (\$25): Joyce Miller (876) June 14 (\$25): Joseph lannucci Jr (19) June 15 (\$25): Mark & Karen Anderson (119) == June 16 (\$25): William Stepanek (203) June 17 (\$25): Lois Mohlenbrok (329) June 18 (\$50): Christian & Constantina Castellano (640)





























Parish Social Ministry

Hunger knows no season

This week we are very low on...

Boxed Milk
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Mayonaise
Instant Coffee
Chef Boyardee
Toothpaste
Juice/Drink Mixes
No-Dairy Creamer
Paper Towels
Peanut Butter/Jelly
Microwaveable Rice
Dried/Canned Fruit
Canned Soup
Soap

As always, we are grateful for any donations! Most helpful are bottles/cans/packages for families of 2-4. Larger bottles/cans can be difficult to distribute.



Monday – Thursday 10AM to 2 PM 631-234-3149 Outreach@stmlil.org



Help Wanted:

A parishioner is looking for a home health aide. 20-25 hrs per week in Nesconset. Services paid through CDPAP Medicaid program. Call Mary @ 631-361-6296

Please reach out to Parish Outreach if you are, or know of someone, in need of support. Keep our elderly neighbors in mind and let us know if there is anyone you would like us to reach out to.



Please do not leave other items such as clothing or household items in the donation bins. Clothing can be placed in the St. Vincent de Paul box at the back right corner of the parking lot. Please contact Outreach regarding other donations.

Thank you!

St. Vincent de Paul



In the Gospel today we hear Jesus say to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send laborers for his harvest."

Have you considered answering the call to join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Your fellow parishioners are here to answer any questions.

To contact us, call 631-648-2760 or e-mail svdp.stm@aol.com

In Our Parish

First Communion

Congratulations to those who received First Communion at the 9:30 mass on 6/11!



Fourteen Babies...

...were presented to the congregation on 6/11 ahead of their Baptisms. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.



Young at Heart

Friday June 23rd at 12:30pm New Members Always Welcome



Call Anna @ 631-234-0714 with questions

Circle of Women

It is the mission of the Circle of Women Book Group to focus on the spiritual influence of contemporary writing that facilitates our own reflections of God's action in our daily lives.

We do not meet in July and August. Our next meeting is 9/18/2023. Our book discussion will be It Ends With Us by Colleen Hoover Facilitator: Jo Garvey

For further info or to register, call Marilyn @ 631-234-5805 or Joan @ 631-234-1739

Have you been called by name?

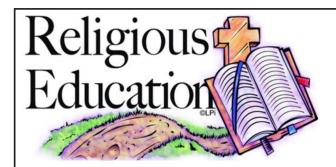
Come and follow Jesus and his teachings!

If you are missing any or all of your Sacraments, or are converting from another religion, come on an incredible journey of faith, love, and community that is the Catholic Church.

Contact RCIA by calling the rectory

@ 631-234-5551

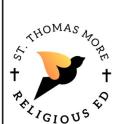




St. Thomas More

Religious Education Registration 2023/2024 School Year

-- Sharing the Spirit of Love --



If you have a child entering First Grade in September or are new to our Parish, call us at 631-234-0397 or email us at RelEd@stmli.org for information about registering for the fall program



In Our Community

HOLY TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS











Register for Holy Trinity Summer Camps holytrinityhs.org/summer-camps

Free Smoking Cessation Classes

St Charles Hospital Wisdom Conference Center

200 Belle Terre Rd, Port Jefferson Classes begin 7/20, 6pm-7:30pm Info/Registration:

Debora.rippel@suffolkcountyny.gov 631-853-2928 or 631-853-4017



Alcohol or Substance Abuse?

24/7 screening and admission
Stable, safe environment
18 and over
Insurance assistance, Medicaid
Access to prescribers, psych eval, med management,
24/7 nursing care, education, group, individual

Don't Do It Alone, Help Is Here

Addiction Treatment Services
Talbot House
30-C Carlough Road
Bohemia NY 11716
631-589-4144
www.catholiccharities.cc





Bishop John O. Barres has declared the month of June in the Diocese of Rockville Centre as the Month of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, proclaiming to the world that "God is Love."



To learn more, visit:

WWW.DRVCGODISLOVE.ORG

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Events at St. Thomas More

This Week @ STM

Sun June 18th, 11:30pm Choir Season Ends

Wed June 21st, 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Social Meeting

Fri June 23rd, 12:30pm Young at Heart



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Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM

> Saturday 5:00 PM

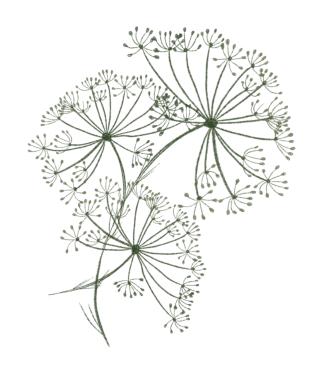
Sunday 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM

Confessions
Every Saturday
4:00 PM-4:45 PM

Rectory Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

If in need of the immediate attention of a priest during non-office hours please call (631) 234-5551 and choose option 4

All other calls received after office hours



St. Thomas More Employment Services

NEW - Catholic Charities Job Fair: June 21 st , 3PM - 6PM, Sts. Cyril and Methodius, Deer Park.

Multiple Positions. RSVP with resume to: HR@catholiccharities.cc

<u>UPDATED – Eastern Suffolk BOCES:</u> Teachers, Teacher Assistants, Nurses, Psychologists, Social Workers, other positions.

Go to: https://esboces.recruitfront.com/JobOpportunities

<u>NEW - Physical Therapy Asst and Asst Physical Therapist.</u> Baldwin, NY.Contact Jason Birnhak: itbirnhak@gmail.com

NEW - Mavis Discount Tires (Maple Avenue, Smithtown): Apply within or call: 844-375-3995

NEW - Catholic Charities: Budget and Claims Analyst, Hicksville.

Go to: jobs@catholiccharities.cc

NEW - Catholic Charities: P/T Social Worker, Residdential Services (10 hrs/wk).

Go to: jobs@catholiccharities.cc

<u>NEW – Suffolk County Youth Employment Program:</u> Starts July 2. Ages 14-20. Manufacturing, hospitality, education, agriculture, government.

Questions? Go to: youthcareer.center@suffolkcony.gov.

Apply by June 23 at: www.suffolksbrightest.com

NEW - Home Health Aide and Companion: 25-30 hours per week; local parishioner.

Register with Community Care HHS. Please call 631-361-6296 and speak to Mary.

<u>NEW – Mykonos Reastaurant, Smithtown:</u> Greeter, take-out order processing. Inquire within.

NY State Dept of Labor: Summer Jobs! Park rangers, lifeguards, adventure trail guides, and golf course maintenance. Visit seasonal works.labor.ny.gov

United Parcel Service (UPS): Drivers & warehouse personnel needed. Farmingville.

Go to: www.upsjobs.com

IRS: Contact Representatives Needed, Holtsville Location. Go to: www.jobs.irs.gov

<u>Autozone – Local (Hauppauge and Central Islip):</u> F/T, P/T, Drivers, Sales

Go to: AutoZone/Careers.com

Northwell Health: Many positions still available at multiple locations.

Go to: https://jobs.northwell.edu/job-search-results/

Catholic Charities of Long Island: Many F/T, P/T and hourly positions available.

Go to: www.catholiccharities.cc/careers

<u>Newsday:</u> Newspaper Delivery Persons. Early morning. Car and NYS driver's license required. See ad in Sunday Newsday for locations.

Target: Multiple locations. Go to: www.target.com/careers

Stony Brook Medical Center: Clinical and support staff positions available.

Go to: https://www.stonybrookmedicine.edu/careers

FedEx Office: Local positions available.

Go to: https://careers.fedex.com/office/jobs

CVS Health: Many local positions available. Go to: https://jobs.cvshealth.com/

Walmart: Positions available. Go to: www.careeers.walmart.com

<u>Catholic Health Services:</u> Many positions available - health care and non-health care positions. Go to: https://jobs.chsli.org/

Nassau County: Many P/T and F/T positions available.

Go to: www.nassaucountyny.gov/3341/Employment

Suffolk County: Many P/T and F/T positions available.

Go to: www.suffolkcountyny.gov/employment or call: 631-853-6540

United States Postal Service (USPS): Many career opportunities available.

Go to: www.usps.com/careers

If your business or your employer would like to be included in the available job postings that we will be listing please send an email to John White at: jmtwhite@optonline.net Please include the position title, the location of the job, and contact information (either yours or the employer's).

Eucharistic Procession Corpus Christi, June 11th 2023



St Thomas More/Msgr. Francis S Midura Council #6062

Grand Knight Ernie LaFontaine

Council Scholarship Application

The Knights of Columbus Council # 6062 is a nonprofit organization established to assist the St. Thomas More community. The organization is comprised of men from the St. Thomas More Parish. Through a variety of events and activities, we donate funds, provide services and time to many causes, one of them being our community youth. This scholarship is one way we as a council, have decide to give back to a member of our community that lives his or her life in a way that echoes the mission of our council.

Who is eligible? All current graduating high school seniors who are members of the St. Thomas More Parish

How will the winner be selected? The winner will be selected by the Grand Knight and a committee comprised of officers of the council. The judges will evaluate eligible student's application in relation to their goals, school and community service, as well as other significant information that the applicant includes in the required essay. The winner will be notified by the end of June. The award winner and his or her family will be invited to the council's regular business meeting on the first Wednesday of July or other day to be specified. No materials will be returned to the candidates. All entries will see results posted in the church bulletin.

How much is the scholarship? The council will award the winner with a check for \$250 with the intention that the money be used to offset the expenses of college.

How do I apply? Complete the application on the next page, and attach a typed 300-word essay.

Essay Question: In your own words, what are the challenges facing younger Catholics in today's world? And what can you do from a personal perspective to keep your faith strong in difficult times?

Mail both the application and essay to:

Knights of Columbus 115 Kings Highway Hauppauge, NY 11788

Deadline is June 28th, 2023



Council Scholarship Application

First Name:	Last Nam	ie:		
Address:				
City:	State:	Zip Code: _		
Email:				
Phone:				
Are you a member of the St.	Thomas More Parish?			
Which high school did you at	tend?			
Which college/university are	you attending in the fall?	?		
What is your intended major	?			
List community service activi	ties that you have been i	nvolved in. Most re	ecent first.	
Activity	Organization		Date(s)	
1:				_
2:				_
3:				_
4:				_
5:				
List any awards or achieveme	ents you have earned. Mo	ost recent first.		
Award	Orgai	nization	Date(s)	
1:				_
2:	_			_
3:				
I declare that all informations own work.	on entered above is tru	e and correct, an	d the essay I submitte	ed is n
Applicant's Signatu	 re	Parent	 /Guardian Signature	





ALDIA SUMMER SERIES

AGES 14-21

Join us for food, video, and time with friends. Alpha offers compelling stories, images, questions, and discussion topics!

SUNDAYS 12:30-2:30PM

July 2, 16, 30, August 13, 27

We will meet in Walden Hall, where Youth Group usually meets!

"The Alpha Youth Series explores timeless questions about life, faith and God for a new generation."

—Alpha.org

Youth Group - Eucharistic Procession & Painting June 11th, 2023







Walking in the Eucharistic Procession!





Upcoming Meetings Sundays 12:30-2:30

June 25th- Graduation Party

July 2nd- First Alpha Meeting!





MSGR. FRANCIS S. MIDURA MEMORIAL

GOLF

MONDAY, SEPT. 11TH 9:00AM SHOTGUN START



\$175 per golfer Cart included

Lunch, Dinner Buffet with 2-hour open bar

Smithtown Landing - 495 Landing Avenue, 11787

Contact Ed Rogan @ (516) 319-8643 or Tom Prunty @ (631) 682-4177

First Holy Communion

Saturday June 3rd, 2023





















